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25X1 VP Oberrat Nieder (fnu) at a Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung (Main Administration for Training of Volkspolizei) (HVA) meeting which was held in Adlershof on 9 May 1952 discussed the making of topographical maps in the scale 1:25,000 on the area of Western Germany. He stated that this work started in 1950 and was to be completed by 1953. He said that it was not possible to speed up this work because of a lack of money and stated that, to date, the area up to 100 km west of the zonal border was mapped. The maps are made on the basis of old and still available maps from which diapositives were made. These were photostated and the photostates were continuously corrected and were to be used for the new maps. VP Oberrat Nieder said that there was a shortage of film material. He also showed an order which was placed by Dr Bruns (fnu), chief of the Seehydrographische Dienst Bureau (maritime hydrographical bureau) (SHD), according to which 25 copies were to be made of all available plane table sheets. He stated that 150,000 Marks were earmarked for this work which would take about three months to complete if all other work was suspended. \*

25X1 Comment. VP Oberrat Nieder has been chief of the cartographic section of the HVA since 1950. The Dr Bruns mentioned is believed to be the Dr Bruns who, in November 1950, was chief of the maritime hydrographical institute of the sea police main administration. Dr Bruns is now on the Hauptverwaltung fuer Seepolizei (Main Administration for Sea Police) (HVS) staff as chief of the SHD in Berlin.

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